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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was firm in the West, but steady elsewhere. Retail demand was mostly fair, slightly better where featured. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food and some catering businesses. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, mid-week trading was generally fair to moderate. Breast items were mixed with bone-in closely cleared, but boneless skinless breasts and tenders were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 78.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.50 cents last year on April 19, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	214.50
BREASTS - B/S	179.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50
LEG QUARTERS	44.00
WINGS	139.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited features. Food service was fair to moderate, best for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, closest for bone-in breasts, with boneless skinless often more available. Wings were mixed, but available, and dark meat was balanced to barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes were at least adequate to available; other sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance to tight. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. The balance of items was generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Additional offerings were adequate to instances available for the light trade call. Fill in trading noted into the Chicago area at 71 cents delivered on 3 up wogs. Retail demand was fair. Distributive movement was light to moderate with catering, eight-piece cut ups, and fast food dark meat promotions providing best draw. Floor stocks were generally balanced; weights were mixed ranging light to heavy. Supplies of leg quarters were in close balance, boneless skinless breasts adequate to fully adequate, and mostly adequate on the balance of part items. The trade sentiment was generally steady on most parts, except dark meat cuts, which were fully steady to firm.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was firm. Offerings were adequate to ample. Retailer demand was moderate to occasionally good, best where limited features in progress. Floor stocks were at least adequate to cover current needs. The market tone was about steady on parts, with bone-in breast in the strongest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 14, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through April 14, 2007 were 2.60 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 04/14/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	PERCENT CHANGE <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	218,856	214,981		+02
CHICKS PLACED	176,883	172,785		+02

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-May-07 is estimated at 162.7 million head. This compares to 162.2 million head the previous week and to 162.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.27 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	655	159.00-236.00	-	171.19
TENDERLOINS	300	185.00-245.00	-	194.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	215	57.00-63.00	-	58.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	569	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	814	39.00-46.00	44-45	44.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	110.00-135.00	122-126	122.24
WINGS (CUT)	180	128.00-136.00	-	133.69
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
67.00 - 72.50	69.71

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	650	157.00-230.00	-	170.95
TENDERLOINS	333	185.00-235.00	-	195.42
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	55.00-63.00	58-59	58.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	559	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	789	40.00-46.00	44-45	44.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	109.00-135.00	-	118.36
WINGS (CUT)	250	128.00-151.00	-	139.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.50 - 71.00	69.12	69.58

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Supplies of bone-in breasts were closely cleared; boneless skinless breasts and tenders were at least sufficient. Wings and most dark cuts were about adequate to adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breasts; steady to at least steady on the balance of items.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	173.59	668,564
TENDERLOINS	195-200	193.25	205,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	102-103	107.72	88,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	104.00	90,000
LEGS	58-59	60.02	222,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.16	269,640
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	53.13	107,035
THIGHS	52-53	58.55	89,680
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.29	79,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	123.35	351,810
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.56	24,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.17	11,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.92	27,560

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	173.11	695,078
TENDERLOINS	195-200	196.11	116,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	115.58	34,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	105.63	77,400
LEGS	58-59	61.35	149,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	41.26	284,000
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	57.58	99,240
THIGHS	52-53	57.51	70,320
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.74	68,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	129.01	208,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.04	20,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.86	5,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.73	25,600

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	04/18	04/17	04/16	04/13	04/11
Alabama	3,986	3,948	3,879	3,812	5.55
Arkansas	5,189	5,246	5,096	4,728	5.35
Delmarva	2,190	2,262	2,195	2,516	5.85
KY-LA-TN	2,326	2,323	2,315	1,887	5.13
Mississippi	3,021	2,954	3,058	3,330	5.51
N Carolina	2,722	2,729	2,674	3,272	6.92
Texas	2,449	2,449	2,490	2,467	5.31
Total	21,883	21,911	21,707	22,012	5.62
Mon-Wed	65,747 (A)				5.47
					21,041
					5.57
					62,589(A)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-110
	DRY PACK	110-124
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Apr-07 is estimated to be 32,739,000 head up 3.69 percent from a week ago and down -0.28 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,574,000, last year 32,831,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/21/07 (1)	04/14/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,894 (2)	159,223
Light hens	1,315	1,220
Heavy hens	1,397	1,355
Total	166,606	161,798

(1) ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Apr-07 is 163.9 million head compared to 165.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.2 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Apr-07 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04/16/07	71,994	47,267
AM 04/01/07	69,750	47,359
CHG	2,244	-92
PCT CHG	3	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/16/07	04/09/07	04/17/06	04/16/07	04/09/07	04/17/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,033	2,112	447	5,531	5,496	7,265
LOS ANGELES	78	91	65	1,544	1,636	3,231

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 04/17/07**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.40	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	25					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 13, 2007

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers		
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	68.16	156.98	78.49	16.52	8.26	66.10
High	76.01	165.24	95.01	20.65	12.39	66.10
Mostly	76.01	161.11	86.75	20.65	12.39	66.10
SAN JUAN						
Low	68.99	161.11	74.36	12.39	8.26	68.16
High	76.01	165.24	99.14	16.52	12.39	68.16
Mostly	76.01	165.24	82.62	16.52	8.26	68.16
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	68.99	161.11	86.75	16.52	12.39	70.23
High	76.42	173.50	103.27	20.65	16.52	70.23
Mostly	73.53	165.24	95.01	20.65	12.39	70.23
BECERRA						
Low	69.40	165.24	86.75	20.65	12.39	71.05
High	77.25	177.63	107.40	24.79	16.52	71.05
Mostly	73.53	169.37	99.14	20.65	12.39	71.05

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for full trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 73 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in very close balance and boneless/skinless breasts and tenders were at least adequate. Other items were balanced to adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	70-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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